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In re Application of  
Edward S. Ellis, et al.  
Application No. 09/553,374  
Filed: April 20, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. GJH-0019

ON PETITION


This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 19, 2003, to revive the above-identified application. As no further fee for treatment of the renewed petition is necessary, the petition fee submitted with the renewed petition on February 19, 2003, is being refunded to petitioner's Deposit Account No. 05-1330.


The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed February 5, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on May 6, 2002.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Cheryl Gibson-Baylor at (703)308-5111, or in her absence, Sherry D. Brinkley at (703)305-9220.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1700, Art Unit 1764 for processing the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, filed on February 19, 2003.

  
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